

## **CREDO GOOD NEWS STORY # 1**

A first-class petty officer, wearing Dolphins and various other marks of successful Navy tours, reached the mid-point of his career. He received several highly attractive offers from the private sector, including defense contractors and the nuclear power industry. He was not sure which way to go. At that time, he attended a CREDO Personal Growth Retreat (PGR). He used the PGR to resolve several issues from his past, and to validate his current course. With the decks cleared in his personal life, he was free to evaluate his path, desires and plans. He realized that he very much liked his life in the Navy and would like to continue till retirement. He declined the employment offers and continued in his career as a focused, productive, satisfied Sailor.

Another Sailor had been an Eagle Scout prior to his enlistment. He was successful also in the Navy, advancing to second class petty officer in three years. However his personal life did not go nearly so well, resulting in an incidence of violence with a live-in lover, an unwed pregnancy, a police record, and an AWOL incident. A CREDO personal growth program, allowing him to look at his life in depth following three years of intense change, and encouraging him to make wise decisions and actions, might have prevented these problems.

Much is at stake. The issue of personal fulfillment and professional effectiveness, of military members and their dependents, is central to CREDO's mission. Those affected include Sailors' families, friends, coworkers, and those they serve. In addition, the Navy makes large financial investments to train its Sailors as effective warriors in an era of increasingly complex demands. But success in training can be lost if the Sailor's personal life is overcome by failure or dissatisfaction. CREDO has been shown, for 32 years, to be a highly cost-effective program that safeguards the Navy's investment in training and maintaining its personnel. CREDO's effectiveness in lives enriched, and even lives saved, has many testimonies. This benefit can only be known, and measured, ultimately, on the eternal scale.

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